Retrenchments in the Industries and Commerce Department.

READ—

Proposals of the Retrenchment Committee relating to the reduction of expenditure in the Department of Industries and Commerce.

(2) Correspondence ending with letter No. B. 540—30-31, dated 25th September 1931, from the Director of Industries and Commerce, submitting his proposals for effecting retrenchments in the Department.

ORDER THEREON NO. FL. 2892-4—G. F. 76-31-4, DATED 17—19TH OCTOBER 1931.

The Director of Industries and Commerce has offered to surrender the following amounts out of the budget grants of the Department of Industries and Commerce for the current year:—

28 INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.

	Rs.	
1. Direction—Salaries ..	1,400	Due to the reversion of Mr. K. S. Hutcha Rao, to the Public Works Department.
2. 6 Well Boring ...	1,500	Due to the termination of the services of Mr. A. Bellefontaine, Well-Boring Engineer.
3. 1 Direction—Scholarship ..	500	Due to the suspension of grant of Technical Scholarships tenable at institutions outside the State.
4. Collection and Compilation of Statistics.	3,000	Due to the suspension of the scheme for the collection of Statistics of road-borne trade.
5. Contingencies	500	
6. 2 Minor Industries Capital Account.	500	
7. 4 Demonstration and Experimental Works.	500	
8. 6 Well-boring ..	3,500	By suspending the manufacture of additional drills and discontinuance of establishment.
Total ..	11,400	

Government are pleased to accept the above proposals resulting in a saving of Rs. 11,400.

In view of the abolition of the Manufacturing Section of the Government Weaving Factory, there will be no need for the services of a Textile Assistant. Government are pleased to abolish the post of Textile Assistant on Rs. 200—20—400. The present incumbent of the post who is in receipt of a salary of Rs. 300 in the grade will be appointed as Weaving Inspector on Rs. 150 plus 50 Personal Allowance. His function will be to guide and supervise the work of the Weaving Demonstrators in the districts. This arrangement will result in a saving of Rs. 100 per mensem. The Director of Industries and Commerce is requested to give effect to this arrangement also immediately.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Amendment Slip to Article 14 of Mysore Civil Account Code, Volume I.

READ—

Letter No. 512—B. ii, dated 14th April 1931, from the Comptroller to Government, stating that, following the decision of the Government of India, he has issued an amendment slip to Article 14 of Mysore Civil Account Code, Volume I, as noted below and requesting approval thereto.

"NOTE—Cash Memoranda issued by tradesmen for sales against cash payment are not treated as receipts within the meaning of Section 2 (23) of the Mysore Stamp Regulation and need not be stamped even if the amount exceeds Rs. 20 unless they contain an acknowledgment of the receipt of money from the purchaser as named therein of the price of articles sold. The Cash Memoranda will not therefore be regarded as sub-vouchers unless the cash memo contains an acknowledgment of the receipt of money from the person named in the Memo (with a stamp affixed when the amount exceeds Rs. 20.)"

2. Further correspondence on the subject ending with Un-official Note No. 5 of 1930-31, dated 2nd October 1931, from the Commissioner of Stamps, agreeing to the Comptroller's proposal but suggesting some verbal alterations to the amendment slip.

ORDER NO. FL. 2860-2—ST. 22-30-5, DATED 15—16TH OCTOBER 1931.

Approved. The Comptroller is requested to notify the amendment in the form indicated in the margin.

Cash Bills or Memoranda issued by tradesmen in respect of sales against cash payment which do not contain an acknowledgment of a receipt of money and need not, therefore be stamped, are no receipts within the meaning of Section 2 (23) of the Stamp Regulation. Such Memoranda or Bills will not be accepted, as vouchers in audit. Only receipts within the meaning of Section 2 (23) of the Stamp Regulation which should be duly stamped, will be accepted by the Audit Officer.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.

Retrenchment in the Public Works Department.

READ—

The Report of the Mysore Retrenchment Committee constituted under the orders of Government issued in No. 3614-73—C. B. 142-30-1, dated 17th March 1931.

ORDER THEREON NO. FL. 3-6—G. F. 84-31-1, CAMP MYSORE, DATED 21ST—23RD OCTOBER 1931.

The recommendations of the Committee are: —

(1) The normal Public Works grant for the next five years may be limited to Rs. 30 lakhs inclusive of establishment charges.

(2) Every effort should be made to keep down establishment charges to within 20 per cent of the grant for works.

(3) The appointments of Personal Assistants to the Superintending Engineers are unnecessary and may be abolished.

(4) The number of Sub-Divisions seems to be in excess of requirements and it ought to be possible to reduce the number by three in addition to the reduction of one agreed to by the Chief Engineer.

(5) Continuance of the Special Division at Mysore is unnecessary.

(6) Conversion of six Travellers' Bungalows noted in the margin into Inspection Lodges is feasible thereby effecting a savings of Rs. 1,584 under establishment.

2nd Class Travellers' Bungalow	at	Hoskote.
Do	do	at Somanahalli.
Do	do	at Antarsante.
1st Class Travellers' Bungalow	at	Robertsonpet.
2nd Class Travellers' Bungalow	at	Kumsi.
Do	do	at Agumbi.

(7) A Consulting Engineer for New Bangalore Water Works is a superfluity.

(8) A sum of Rs. 300 is being debited to the Public Works Department every month on account of the pay of the Consulting Architect. Its continuance in the present conditions of financial stringency cannot be justified.